GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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INJECTIONS ADMINISTERED IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint study conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and world Bank has revealed that very high percentage of injections administered in Government Hospitals are unsafe as they carry fatal germs like AIDS, Hepatitis etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the hospital authorities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes sir. As per the study 69% of injections given at Government Hospitals are unsafe and contribute in spreading diseases like AIDS, Hepatitis etc. The other findings of the study have indicated that 300 to 600 crores injections are given per year in the country and average person receives 3 to 6 injections per year. 74.5% of the injections are given by using plastic. Of the total injection given in the country 2/3rd are unsafe of which half on account of wrong habits and other half due to improper sterilization. Large proportion of injections given in the curative side is unnecessary.

(c) The action that has been contemplated by the government in view of the Injection Safety being compromised is to introduce Auto Disable Syringes in all Government Immunization Programmes and all central government hospitals in 2005.